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SETTING UP OF SPECIAL MERIT BOARD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army has constituted a special merit board;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the method of assessing the capability of army officials needs to be improved; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): The Army has constituted a Special Merit Board since January 2005 to improve promotion of officers who are non-empanelled for promotion to the rank of Colonel. The scheme is, however, being reviewed by the Government.